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Re: ICC DEIS/MIS Written Testimony

We are adamantly opposed to the Intercounty Connector. As I am sure you know, building another highway is not the solution - it is an ineffective bandaid approach using antiquated, and ultimately destructive transportation methodology. The only winners will be developers. Everyone else will lose. We ask that you please take the following actions:


1. Extend the comment period of the ICC Draft Environmental Impact Statement to at least 120 days. Seventy five days is not enough to fully review a 1,000 page document that has taken 4 years and 5 million dollars to produce. (In 1983, the SHA allowed over 90 days for comment on a shorter, simpler DEIS).

2. Make at least one public hearing accessible by public transit. Richard Montgomery High School is close to Rockville Metro. Come on - use some common sense! If you really want the public involved, make it accessible to the public!

3 Post the Draft EIS, including the technical reports, on the SHA's World Wide Web site. The complete, unexpurgated version costs over one thousand dollars if purchased from SHA. Use the advantages technology has given us for public service.

The ICC is positively the wrong direction. Years from now when you and I have to look at the result of today's wildly haphazard urban sprawl, we will both regret the ugly mess we must turn over to our children and grandchildren. Right now, we have a chance to make a difference. When the ICC is built, and there are thousands of automobiles in gridlock on the road, you'll know you once had a chance to make a difference and you blew it. And, I hope you feel as irresponsible and guilty I certainly will. Another gridlocked and polluting highway is not the solution.

Sincerely,



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